In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (original) A partition for open building space, comprising:

a frame including at least one substantially horizontal surface;

a cover member being configured to enclose at least a portion of said frame, said cover member including attachment members configured to connect said cover member to said frame; and

a seal attached to said cover member, and including a resilient flap which engages said substantially horizontal surface of said frame to inhibit the passage of acoustical energy through said partition.

2. (original) The partition as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said cover member includes a substantially horizontal flange extending between side edges of said cover member; and

said seal includes a U-shaped groove, said U-shaped groove configured to accept said substantially horizontal flange of said cover member to frictionally connect said seal to said cover member.

3. (original) The partition as set forth in claim 2, wherein:

said seal includes at least one finger extending into said U-shaped groove, said at least one finger configured to frictionally engage said horizontal flange of said cover member.

4. (original) The partition as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said at least one substantially horizontal surface comprises a first substantially horizontal surface and a second substantially horizontal surface, said seal engaging said first substantially horizontal surface;

and further including a second seal attached to said cover member, said second seal

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including a resilient flap configured to engage said second substantially horizontal surface of said frame.

5. (previously presented) The partition as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said frame further includes a substantially horizontally extending cross-member having a plurality of windows; and

said attachment members are inserted into said windows for attaching said cover member to said frame.

6. (original) The partition as set forth in claim 5, wherein:

said at least one substantially horizontal surface is located on a lower portion of said cross-member.

7. (original) The partition as set forth in claim 5, wherein:

said cover member includes a substantially vertical flange having a pair of angled slots; and

said attachment members comprise spring clips, each spring clip including a central plate having a pair of side flanges inserted into one of said pair of slots to connect said attachment member to said cover member.

8. (original) The partition as set forth in claim 7, wherein:

each of said windows of said frame includes a top edge and a bottom edge;

at least one of said spring clips further includes a tab;

said at least one of said spring clips is connected to said cross-member by inserting said at least one of said spring clips into one of said windows, wherein said tab of said at least one of said spring clips locks against an inside surface of said cross-member above said top edge of said window to connect said at least one of said spring clips to said cross-member.

9. (previously presented) The partition as set forth in claim 8, wherein:

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said at least one of said spring clips includes a connecting flange that extends above an upper edge of said cover member, wherein a tool can be inserted in a space located between said upper edge of said cover member and an outwardly protruding member of said frame located above said cover member so as to engage said connecting flange of said at least one of said spring clips and depress said connecting flange so as to disengage said tab of said at least one of said spring clips from said inside surface of said cross-member to disengage said at least one of said spring clips from its associated window.

10. (original) The partition as set forth in claim 7, wherein:

said spring clips have only one orientation wherein said pair of side flanges can fit into said pair of slots.

11. (original) The partition as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said cover member is comprised of steel.

12. (original) The partition as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said cover member is comprised of wood.

13. (canceled)

14. (original) A cover panel for a partition having a frame with a horizontal surface, said cover panel comprising:

a cover member being configured to enclose at least a portion of the frame, said cover member including attachment members configured to connect said cover member to the frame; and

a seal attached to said cover member, and including a resilient flap configured to engage the horizontal surface of the frame when said cover member is connected to the frame to inhibit the passage of acoustical energy through said partition.

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15. (original) The cover panel as set forth in claim 14, wherein:

said cover member includes a substantially horizontal flange extending between side edges of said cover member; and

said seal includes a U-shaped groove, said U-shaped groove configured to accept said substantially horizontal flange of said cover member to frictionally connect said seal to said cover member.

16. (previously presented) The cover panel as set forth in claim 15, wherein:

said seal includes at least one finger extending into said U-shaped groove, said at least one finger configured to frictionally engage said horizontal flange of said cover member.

17. (original) The cover panel as set forth in claim 14, further including:

a second seal attached to said cover member, said second seal including a resilient flap configured to engage a second surface of the frame.

18. (original) The cover panel as set forth in claim 14, wherein:

said attachment members are configured to be inserted into windows on a substantially horizontal cross-member of the frame for attaching said cover member to the frame.

19. (original) The cover panel as set forth in claim 18, wherein:

said cover member includes a substantially vertical flange having a pair of angled slots; and

said attachment members comprise spring clips, each spring clip including a central plate having a pair of side flanges inserted into one of said pair of slots to connect said attachment member to said cover member.

20. (original) The cover panel as set forth in claim 19, wherein:

each of said spring clips further includes a tab;

said spring clip is configured to be connected to said cross-member by inserting said

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spring clip into one of the windows of the frame, wherein said tab of said spring clip is configured to lock against an inside surface of the cross-member above a top edge of the window to connect said spring clip to the cross-member.

21. (previously presented) The cover panel as set forth in claim 20, wherein:

said spring clips include a connecting flange that extends above an upper edge of said cover member, wherein a tool can be inserted in a space located between said upper edge of said cover member and an outwardly protruding member of the frame located above said cover member so as to engage said connecting flange of said spring clip and depress said connecting flange so as to disengage said tab of said attachment members from the inside surface of the cross-member to disengage said spring clip from its associated window.

22. (original) The cover panel as set forth in claim 19, wherein:

said spring clips have only one orientation wherein said pair of side flanges can fit into said pair of slots.

23. (original) The cover panel as set forth in claim 14, wherein:

said cover member is comprised of steel.

24. (original) The cover panel as set forth in claim 14, wherein:

said cover member is comprised of wood.

25-36. (canceled)

37. (previously presented) The partition as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said attachment members are removable from said cover member.

38. (previously presented) The partition as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said cover member is removable from said frame.

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39. (previously presented) The partition as set forth in claim 1, wherein:
said cover member includes a vertical flange; and
said attachment members are connected to said vertical flange.

40. (previously presented) The cover panel as set forth in claim 14, wherein:
said attachment members are removable from said cover member.

41. (previously presented) The cover panel as set forth in claim 14, wherein:
said cover member includes a vertical flange; and
said attachment members are connected to said vertical flange.

42. (previously presented) The partition as set forth in claim 5, wherein:
the substantially horizontally extending cross-member is substantially vertical.

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43. (new) The partition as set forth in claim 1, wherein:
said frame further includes at least one substantially vertical surface; and
said attachment members are configured to connect said cover member to said frame by engaging said frame at said at least one substantially vertical surface.

44. (new) The partition as set forth in claim 1, wherein:
said seal extends farther in a horizontal direction than one of said attachment members.

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45. (new) A partition for open building space, comprising:
a frame including a first surface and a second surface, said first surface being substantially perpendicular to said second surface;
a cover member being configured to enclose at least a portion of said frame, said cover member including attachment members configured to connect said cover member to said frame at said first surface; and
a seal attached to said cover member, and including a resilient flap which engages said

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second surface of said frame to inhibit the passage of acoustical energy through said partition.

46. (new) The partition as set forth in claim 45, wherein:

said cover member includes a flange extending between side edges of said cover member; and

said seal includes a U-shaped groove, said U-shaped groove configured to accept said flange of said cover member to frictionally connect said seal to said cover member.

47. (new) The partition as set forth in claim 46, wherein:

said seal includes at least one finger extending into said U-shaped groove, said at least one finger configured to frictionally engage said flange of said cover member.

48. (new) The partition as set forth in claim 45, wherein:

said frame includes a third surface, the third surface being substantially parallel to the second surface;

and further including a second seal attached to said cover member, said second seal including a resilient flap configured to engage said third surface of said frame.

49. (new) The partition as set forth in claim 45, wherein:

said first surface includes a plurality of windows; and

said attachment members are inserted into said windows for attaching said cover member to said frame.

50. (new) The partition as set forth in claim 49, wherein:

said second surface is located on a lower portion of said cross-member.

51. (new) The partition as set forth in claim 49, wherein:

said cover member includes a substantially vertical flange having a pair of angled slots; and

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said attachment members comprise spring clips, each spring clip including a central plate having a pair of side flanges inserted into one of said pair of slots to connect said attachment member to said cover member.

52. (new) The partition as set forth in claim 45, wherein:
said attachment members are removable from said cover member.

53. (new) The partition as set forth in claim 45, wherein:
said cover member is removable from said frame.

54. (new) The partition as set forth in claim 45, wherein:
said cover member includes a vertical flange; and
said attachment members are connected to said vertical flange.

55. (new) The partition as set forth in claim 45, wherein:
said seal extends farther in a horizontal direction than one of said attachment members.

56. (new) A cover panel for a partition having a frame with a first surface and a second surface, with the first surface being substantially perpendicular to the first surface, said cover panel comprising:

a cover member being configured to enclose at least a portion of the frame, said cover member including attachment members configured to connect said cover member to the frame at said first surface; and

a seal attached to said cover member, and including a resilient flap configured to engage the second surface of the frame when said cover member is connected to the frame to inhibit the passage of acoustical energy through said partition.

57. (new) The cover panel as set forth in claim 56, further including:
a second seal attached to said cover member, said second seal including a resilient flap

configured to engage a third surface of the frame, the third surface being substantially parallel to the second surface.

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